

## ZEKE BILKINS.

## STATE NEWS.

Cream of the State Press—Drops of Turpentine and Grains of Rice from the East—Clusters of Grapes and Tobacco Stems from the North—Stalks of Corn and Grains of Wheat from the West—Peanuts and Cotton Seed from the South

Rogues are stealing wire fences about Winston.

The outlook for a fine grape crop in this State is said to be flattering.

The Tarboro Southerner says the local Irish potato crop is full to excess.

Rev. Solomon Pool has been selected as chaplain for the Guilford battle ground association.

Capt. John Teague, of Alexander County, was killed by his mules running away a few days ago.

Mr. B. F. Tipton, editor of the Mt. Holly News, died at that place last week of bright disease of the kidneys.

O. L. Joyner and Alexander Heilbroner are erecting a tobacco warehouse and prize factory at Greenville.

Dr. C. D. Smith, of Macon county, says that it has been fifteen years since the commissioners of that county issued a liquor license.

Mr. W. L. Clay, foreman of the Charlotte Observer printing office, died a few days ago. He was an excellent young man.

Sheriff Griffith says he got so hot at Thomesville last week that the gold plug melted out of his teeth, says the Lexington Dispatch.

Dewey Bros., of Goldsboro, have purchased the plant of the Pioneer Lumber Company, of Mt. Olive, at public auction for \$4,800.

Davenport Female College at Lenoir, has just completed a successful year. Prof. Ivey, of Trinity College, delivered the annual address.

Concord Standard: The 13 acre field of wheat of Capt. McDonald made 475 large shocks. He expects to realize between 350 and 400 bushels of wheat.

Mr. H. J. Hege, of Lexington, killed a crane near Linwood last Thursday that measured 6 feet from tip to tip. He shot the bird at a distance of 83 steps.

Henderson Gold Leaf: The wheat and oat harvests are reported unusually fine. The outlook for the grape crop in this section is much better than last year.

Mr. William Stephens, of this township, has three acres of oats from which he expects to thrash at least 180 bushels. Can any one beat this, asks the Monrovia Echo.

The grandson of E. T. Williams, of Lincoln, N. C., who was kidnapped by tramps last March, has been found in Norfolk, Va., so says a dispatch to the New York World.

An organization to raise funds for a monument to James H. Horner was effected at a meeting held Saturday night at the Oxford Female Seminary, says the Oxford Day.

Wiley Wilson confined in jail carrying a pistol, was released on Wednesday upon swearing before Esquire Ballew that he wasn't worth a continental, says the Lenoir Topic.

The largest potatoes of the season were shown us Saturday by Mr. Oscar J. Howell, of Stony Creek township. Each measured twelve inches in circumference, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

Goldsboro Argus: The baptizing at the river was attended by several thousand people. It was an impressive scene. The question of a cornet band for Goldsboro is being discussed.

Several severe storms have visited portions of Mecklenburg county in the past few days. The barn belonging to Mr. N. L. Hobbs, near Davidson College, was struck by lightning and burned.

Tarboro Southerner: Evangelist Fife will not begin his series of meetings at Rocky Mount till Sunday next, 26th. His labors have been so trying on him physically that he has been forced to take a rest.

Winston Sentinel: Dr. J. A. Blum is out this week gathering specimens of small grain in the counties of Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Rockingham, Yadkin, Davie, Davidson and Randolph, for the World's Fair.

Cull Bivins, the 15-year old son of Allen Bivins, colored, fell out of Mr. R. V. Houston's barn loft Saturday afternoon and broke his arm just over the elbow. Dr. John Blair attended to his injury, says the Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. F. D. Brumley of No. 2, lost nearly half of his wheat that was yet uncut on Saturday. The wind tangled it and flattened it so that it could not be gathered. There was some hail, but no damage done says the Concord Standard.

There was a division by lot on Saturday among the stockholders of the Elizabeth City Fair, of the land belonging to the fair, which has been divided into building lots. The lots will be developed and form a suburb of the town.

Drawings and specifications for the new Stanley court house have been received and bids for the building are advertised. The court house will be a beautiful building and will reflect credit upon Stanley county. It will cost \$10,000.

Wilkesboro News: Messrs. Gwynne & Son lost between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of property by the freshet of last week. They secured about sixty of the saw logs at different points down the river, but that will not help them much.

The Wadesboro Messenger says that tents and camp equipage sufficient for the accommodation of a large force of men are now at the Cheraw and Salisbury depot, and Capt. Gardner, chief engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line, is expected one day this week to take charge of it. Capt. Gardner will be accompanied by a full corps of engineers, and they will immediately proceed to survey a railroad from Wadesboro to Winston.

We learn that the Democrats of this county, held a caucus in Pittsboro, last Saturday. Prominent Democrats from several townships attended, but as the meeting was entirely secret, we are unable to state what was done, says the Monrovia Echo.

Concord Standard: At King's Mountain Miss Louisa Fall, about 17 years old, attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum. She was found in her room in time to be aroused from her stupor by strenuous efforts on the part of physicians.

The rite of baptism was administered by Rev. J. H. Edwards Sunday evening at Neuse river to twenty-five candidates in the presence of a very large audience. Seventeen more were baptized at the church that night, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

In Randolph county, at a place called Sapphire, a young man named Kivett, after working hard in the harvest field, drank freely of cold water. He soon had what was supposed to be a congestive chill from which he died that night.

New Berne Journal: The sewerage system is now constructed, on Pollock street from Neuse river to Fleet street and the large force of hands were engaged yesterday in working from that point to Broad. Down Broad street will be the next portion built.

A colored girl named Janie Cogdell, daughter of Emma Cogdell, living in Webbtown, was caught in the editor's orchard early yesterday morning stealing fruit. A severe flogging administered by her mother settled the matter, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

Two members of the Mount Airy excursionists were arrested yesterday for carrying concealed weapons. They were tried in the afternoon and fined ten dollars each and cost. It might be added also that they left for home at 5:30, says the Twin-City Daily.

Kinston Free Press: The farmers tell us that the cool night while back injured cotton some, but that the crops are all clean of grass, and that since the weather has turned warmer cotton and corn are growing very rapidly. The prospects is very encouraging.

We heard a machine man remark the other day that farmers who never thought of buying binders have bought them this year. It is an evidence of prosperity, and we are glad to see it. This is, indeed, an age of progress in every way, says Lexington Dispatch.

Tarboro Southerner: If a farmer will bring his land up to making 100 barrels of Irish potatoes per acre, there is more profit at fifty cents a barrel, exclusive of freight and commission, than on cotton. An excellent crop of corn can also be made on the same land.

Fifty dollars reward has been offered for the colored man who attempted rape on the wife of Geo. L. Klutz, near Rockwell, Rowan county. It is said that a crowd of armed men are on his track and that if caught, he'll decorate a tree on the spot, or words to that effect.

Gastonia Gazette: Wheat harvesting is now going on in full blast over the country. The crop is reported to be the best in years. A citizen of Gaston county, who is 83 years old, and has never been sick a day, was in town yesterday. It was Mr. Logan Brown, of near Dallas.

Mrs. N. M. Bryan, of this place, has a turkey setting on partridge eggs. She intends to raise the birds if possible. Mr. Ransom Goodwin, who lives near here, has a hen sitting on a mixture of hen and partridge eggs. Surely birds are plentiful in this community, says the Monrovia Echo.

A letter was received here this morning stating that McKnight, the young man who robbed Mrs. Taylor in Mt. Airy two years ago, was arrested in Tennessee, but for want of proper papers was released. The letter states that the man arrested was certainly McKnight, says the Winston Daily.

Miss Polly Fry, an aged pauper, died last Wednesday night at the home for the Aged and Infirm, of tumor. After death the doctors removed a 19 pound tumor from her stomach, we learn. She had been a great sufferer for many years, says the Carthage Blade.

Charlotte News: Johnnie Ware, the 15-year-old son of Mr. W. P. Ware, a prominent merchant of Reidsville, was drowned in a pond near that place yesterday evening at 4 o'clock. A companion of the drowned lad made desperate efforts to save him but neither could swim.

John C. Cagle, ex-editor in Montgomery county, has severed his connection with the Republican party because that party did not support his paper. The Statesville News declares that if this a valid reason for changing politics, some editors of the Democratic persuasion can set up a valid reason.

The State Tobacco Convention, which is to be held at Morehead City on July 5th, promises to be a most important meeting. Among other matters to be considered will be the making of a proper tobacco exhibit at the World's Fair. Col. Wm. H. S. Burgwyn, of Henderson, has been requested to deliver the opening address.

Hendersonville Times: A load of cornundrum was shipped from here to Massachusetts a few days ago. It was from the mine of Messrs Janks and Jacobs Gloucester, of Transylvania county. These gentlemen send here weekly a car load for shipment. It is used in the cutlery business and also for making emery wheels.

About one hundred Richmond and Danville men, passed through Charlotte yesterday morning from Atlanta on their way to Washington. This was the first detachment to be transferred to the new headquarters. The men who passed through yesterday morning, belonged to the departments of General Manager Green, Traffic Manager Haas, Auditor Figg and Treasurer Hall. They with their families occupied three sleepers attached to the regular train, says the Charlotte News.

Durham Sun: Mr. P. J. Mangum, fell off a load of hay yesterday and was right badly hurt. The wagon on which he was riding was coming down the abutment of the Eleb bridge, a few miles from the city, when Mr. Mangum lost his balance and fell to the ground. He was unconscious for some time after the accident happened.

The Monroe Enquirer makes the following suggestion: If you are not ashamed of your farm get a sign painted with your name on it and nail up in a conspicuous place near your house. If this idea was generally carried out it would be found a great comfort and convenience to strangers traveling through the country.

The Richmond & Danville Railroad, by order of Judge Bond goes into hands of Receiver. That will not interfere with the operation of the road nor the effectiveness of the service as same officers will retain their places. It simply means that some others than the syndicate are to have a finger in the pie as to the profits, says the Wilson Mirror.

Roxboro Courier: Mr. W. A. Gillis, near Bethel Hill, was in town last Monday and gave us a pleasant call. He had with him some fine specimens of copper, silver and iron ore discovered on his property, and that of Dr. Merritt, in this county. Mr. Gillis is confident that when the mineral of this county is developed it will open the eyes of the world.

Asheville Gazette: The recent accidents on the Murphy branch has caused the railroad commission to notify Col. A. B. Andrews to discontinue the mixed passenger and freight trains on the Murphy branch of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and to run the passenger and freight trains entirely separate. This it is believed will reduce the danger of accidents.

All the employees of the R. & D. Railroad at this place, from R. L. Vernon the agent, down to the night watchman, were discharged this morning, receiving the notification direct from General Manager Green. At the same time, they were all reemployed. This course was necessary by reason of the appointment of receivers for the road, says the Greensboro Record.

A certain trucker of Mount Olive who shipped eight barrels of potatoes to New York recently received last Monday eight two cent stamps as net returns from his shipment. Another trucker of that town who shipped eleven barrels was charged up by the commission merchant with 43 cents deficiency to pay freight and incidental expenses, says the Goldsboro Headlight.

King's Mountain News: We are reliably informed that some time ago Larken Kiser and Gus Webber killed in one day from three brush piles seventeen snakes, and they think some may have been burnt, or escaped, and they did not get them all. This happened on the head waters of Seller's Fork about two miles above the place where Bob Rhyne saw the monster snake.

Morganton Herald: If there are any who think this is not a fine grass country, let them look at the State Hospital grounds and get the reports of the immense yields of hay. By skillful management what was a few years since an old hillside field, grown up in pines and furrowed with gullies, has been made to produce as fine clover and timothy as can be found in Western North Carolina.

On last Saturday evening, a negro was killed on the G. & C. N. Railroad, near Atlanta. The train was going into Atlanta, and a train on the Georgia Railroad was coming out from the city. The darkey in getting out of the way of the train on the Georgia road, jumped on the track of the G. & C. N. in front of the passenger train, and was instantly killed, says the Monroe Enquirer.

Rockingham Spirit of the South: We are informed that a young colored boy a few days since captured a pet kitten in front of a residence in this town, and after cutting off both of its forelegs and its nose, left it on the sidewalk. If this young brute should live to be older and commit some horrible crime against the laws of society and the State and be lynched by a mob, he would have no sympathizers.

Greensboro Record: Mr. T. L. Chick, moulder in Sergeant's foundry, got a small piece of coal in one of his fingers about nine years ago, which has pained him at intervals ever since. The other day he discovered something working towards the surface on his finger. Without much trouble he extracted it and found that it was the piece of coal which had worked around and almost came out of itself. His finger healed up at once and he suffers no more inconvenience from it.

John Hands, colored, a barber, lives in a house in the vicinity of the rock quarry. John has a sick child, Saturday, the child was taken from its cradle and carried to another part of the house by its mother. Just then a blast went off in the quarry. A rock as big as a person's head crushed through the roof of John's house, smashed a hat rack and landed in the cradle. Had this feat been performed ten minutes sooner, the child would have been killed, says the Charlotte News.

Charlotte News: Mr. Ben F. Tipton, editor of the Mount Holly News, died at his home in that place this morning, after an illness of six weeks. Dick Steele, a 16 year old negro boy, was ground to pieces under the wheels of a fast vegetable train of the Richmond & Danville Company yesterday morning, near Rock Hill. At Huntersville, this morning, Mrs. R. B. Hunter, one of the aged ladies of that place, died suddenly. She was sitting on the side of the bed combing her hair, when she suddenly fell over dead.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th for Forty Cents. Make up your Clubs.

## THE LATEST NEWS.

Sparks from the Wires—Most Important Events Throughout the World for a Week.

Gold is quoted at 208 per cent. premium in Buenos Ayres.

The New York schoolship St. Mary's arrived at Southampton, England, Monday.

BREST, France, June 21.—Fifteen persons were scalded to death by the explosion of a war ship here to-day.

LONDON, June 22.—G. Baker & Co., bankers, of this city, have suspended. The liabilities are placed at \$3,250,000.

Officer Clarence Bixler, of the Rogers Park police force, Chicago, who was shot by Frank Doyle Tuesday night, died yesterday.

The new and much-talked-of novel, "Debabel," written by Zola, was issued in Paris yesterday. The first edition consists of 160,000 copies.

Prof. E. N. Horsford, of Cambridge, Mass., has discovered the site of another Lief Ericsson colony at Gerry's Landing, on the Charles river.

Bob Leslie, a desperate Seminole negro, was shot and killed by a United States Marshal near Sacred Heart Mission, Indian Territory, yesterday.

The cholera is extending in the manufacturing suburbs of Paris. Eight persons died from the disease Monday at Aubervilliers, five miles north of Paris.

BREMERHAVEN, June 22.—It is authoritatively stated that it is intended to build tank steamers here for the American petroleum trade to compete with the Standard Oil Company.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 20.—Councilman Kaun, of Egg Harbor City, N. J., was arraigned in court to-day on a charge of assaulting William Keitz, President of the Common Council.

MONTREAL, June 21.—There was a disastrous wreck on the Grand Trunk line near Coaticook, Canada, to-day, in which five persons were killed. It was caused by the train rushing into a washout.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Edward W. Gould, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, of conspicuous wealth, was killed Saturday while participating in the amateur "Wild West" show got up by the Staten Island Athletic Club.

LONDON, June 21.—While the cage was descending the shaft in the Ferndale Colliery, in the Rhondda Valley, to-day it was upset, and its ten occupants were thrown out. Two of the men were instantly killed, and the other eight were badly injured.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The city bank has demanded payment from the Danville and Terminal Company of a time loan of \$100,000, now over due and has notified the receiver that if it is not paid the securities as collateral will be sold at auction at 12 30 o'clock to-morrow.

Ernest Richards, a mulatto, aged 19 years, of Belfast, Me., was paying attention to a white woman named "Liz Kelly," aged thirty. Saturday night several young men visited the Kelly house, found Richards there, took him out, and gave him a coat of tar and feathers.

Nathaniel M. Burr, aged fifty-five, President of the Seekonk (Mass.) Ice Company, whose extensive forgeries were discovered in Providence, R. I., two months ago, was arraigned yesterday at Providence. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years at hard labor.

ATHENS, June 21.—A sensation was created here this morning by Judge Hutchins rendering a verdict against the city of Athens in an injunction suit recently filed. The suit enjoins the city from proceeding to construct a system of waterworks with bonds which were illegally voted.

CHICAGO, June 21.—It was learned at an early hour this morning that Dr. Henry M. Scudder, who has for some time been confined in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of murdering his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dunton, took a heavy dose of morphine and died at half past twelve a. m.

ALBANY, Ga., June 20.—News has just reached here of a destructive fire that is raging between Tifton and Alabaha on the Brunswick and Western Railway at Baker's turpentine distillery. Four hundred barrels of rosin and spirits are in flames and the heat is so intense that the passage of trains on the Brunswick and Western is interrupted.

MELVIN LETTS A MURDERER.

COBLESKILL, N. Y., June 21.—Melvin Letts shot Catharine Swart on the doorstep to her summer kitchen this morning, and then went into the hay mow and shot himself. They were members of the best families in this section, and the double tragedy has caused considerable excitement. The deed was evidently premeditated.

The woman was past sixty-three years of age and Letts was forty-six years. Forty years ago Miss Swart was engaged to be married to Alonzo B. Voorhes, a lawyer in Albany, but for some reason the match was declared off. She ever afterward refused to yield to the persuasions of admirers.

FIFTEEN TAKEN OUT DYING.

BREST, June 21.—A terrible accident occurred yesterday on board the new French cruiser Dupuy de Lome, 6,300 tons.

Orders had been given for the vessel to make a trial of her machinery, and while this trial was in progress the end of one of the boilers was blown out. The fire room immediately became filled with scalding steam and a sulphurous, suffocating smoke, caused by the water reaching and extinguishing the fire under the boiler. To make the situation worse, the electric lights went out and the fire-room was left in darkness, all the furnace doors being closed.

The engineers who were in the fire-room at the time and the stokers were unable to escape until the chief engineer

and an outsider rushed down the fire-room ladder and broke open the door of the compartment. Then a horrible sight presented itself. Men were lying on the deck delirious from the agony caused by the terrible injuries they had sustained. Some were writhing in convulsions, their faces blackened and distorted, and bodies, arms and legs blistered. Several of the men in their torture had bitten themselves on their arms and hands, and had attacked their equally unfortunate companions and bitten them.

In some cases men heaped together in struggling, writhing masses, and it required considerable effort to separate them.

The deck of the fire room was covered with hot water from the exploded boiler to the depth of two or three inches, and in this the injured men lay, every second adding to the terrible scalding they had received.

Efforts were at once made to get the men out of the fire room, but this task was rendered difficult through the fact that they were absolutely crazy with pain, and attacked their rescuers with their hands, feet, and teeth, in some cases inflicting quite severe injuries. The hot water also added to the difficulty of removing the men, and finally it was found necessary to grasp them in any way and drag them out.

Fifteen of them were dying when they were taken to the ship's hospital, and a number of others will undoubtedly die in a very short time. It is believed that besides their external injuries nearly all of them inhaled steam, and this alone would be sufficient to cause death.

At the time the end of the boiler blew out an explosion occurred in the coal bunkers and set the cruiser on fire. The crew were at once summoned to fire quarters and hose were laid to the bunkers. The donkey engines were started and soon the fire was got under control.

A DELEGATE MURDERED.

MEMPHIS, June 20.—Judge Bright Morgan, of Hernando, Miss., was shot dead Saturday morning on an Illinois Central train by lawyer Henry Foster. Lynching is talked of. Judge Morgan was a delegate to the Chicago convention. Morgan and Foster had quarrelled over a law suit in which they were opposing lawyers. Two weeks ago Foster had a difficulty with Morgan's son, upon the hearing of which Morgan gave Foster a sound caning. They had not met since until Saturday morning. Foster boarded the train at Alden and shot Morgan twice without speaking. He boarded the train for that purpose. Foster surrendered to an officer at the next station. Morgan was en route to the Chicago convention.

MR. MASON'S FEAT.

LYNCHBURG, Va.—Mr. J. P. Mason, who killed the bull by main strength on Thursday, as heretofore reported, was on the streets yesterday and was looked on as something of a hero. He is suffering a good deal from one of his arms, the muscles of which were considerably strained by the exertion. Mr. Mason says the bull weighed 1,500 pounds and was seven or eight years old. He hardly knows how to describe the occurrence. He saw that the woman was in imminent danger and ran to her relief. He seized the bull by the horns and gave a tremendous jerk and twist, which he supposed pulled the neck out of socket, and the bull tumbled over and was soon dead. She was on the ground, and would doubtless soon have been killed. Mr. Mason is a man of powerful physique and of equal courage. He is probably the only man in America who ever killed an infuriated bull with his naked hands.

When asked if the owner of the bull had brought suit against him for damages, Mr. Mason said that he had received a message from the owner that he was glad he had killed the bull.

MET DEATH IN THE WATER.

There were several deaths by drowning yesterday.

James Leaden, 23 years old, a boatman, of New Brighton, S. I., was drowned while bathing in the Kills. William Mohrind, 11 years old, of No. 202 Zabriske street, Jersey City, was drowned while bathing in Penn Horn Creek. John F. Curran, 22 years old, of No. 135 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, fell overboard from his lighter in the Atlantic Basin and was drowned. Abraham Friedman, eighteen years old, of No. 194 Forsyth street, fell out of a rowboat in the Harlem river at Kingsbridge and was drowned. An unknown colored boy about 19 years old was drowned while bathing at the foot of West Fifty-eighth street.

The bodies of Leaden, Mohrind and Curran were recovered. The other two were not.

Harry Mead, 13 years old, of No. 327 East Seventy-eighth street, fell out of a rowboat at the foot of East Seventy-first street and was rescued by Thomas Tarpen, of No. 520 East Seventy-second street.

The body of Jacob Maug, who has been missing from his home, No. 358 Flushing avenue, since Monday, was found floating in the Narrows. The body of an infant was found on the shore at Stapleton, L. I. The body of an unknown man was found floating at the foot of Warren street, Jersey City. He was about 35 years old, and had a card in his pocket, on which was printed "Michael Gleason, Easton avenue, New Brunswick, N. J."

Andrew Radcliffe, David Alger and Frederick Hilton went fishing above the falls on Saturday night in the Passaic river at Paterson, N. J. Radcliffe and Alger fell asleep and when they awoke Hilton was gone and his clothing was on the river bank. They gave an alarm and the river was dragged yesterday, but the body was not found. It is believed that his body was carried over the falls.

Radcliffe and his companion were locked up for creating a disturbance yesterday and were sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment.—N. Y. Herald.